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Congressional and public indignation over Free World shipping NVN at new high, with pressure for stiffer amendment Foreign aid legislation. Vietnam FY66 supplemental authorization now before Congress for speedy action may well be especially subject such pressure. For Congressional hearings now and AID administrator's periodic review due February 15, Dept needs soonest status royal decree or other GOG control measures.

Note with concern Greek shipping NVN on increase. (BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) Lloyd's Registry reports three Greek ships, AGENOR, HELLAS and KANARIS, called NVN during January. Ref Depcirtel 1411, Agenor arrived Haiphong January 25. Agenor owned by Aegis Shipping Co., Ltd., Piraeus; Hellas by S. Lemos Brothers Co., Ltd., London, with agent George Thriatos, Lemos, Athens; Kanaris by Diamantis Pateras, Ltd., London. (END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE). Can Embassy learn when these ships chartered?

In discussing matter with GOG, Embassy should again explain U. S. public feeling on this issue as indicated above and urge early promulgation royal decree.

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